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SUBJ: CHANGES IN ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

1. IN SEPTEMBER 5 CONVERSATION WITH DELOFFS, ITALIAN NATO DEL POLITICAL COUNSELOR (FERRETTI) OFFERED FOLLOWING SPECULATION ON UPCOMING ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS. AMBASSADOR PLAJA, NOW MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, WILL REMAIN IN THAT JOB UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE ITALIAN EC PRESIDENCY IN JAN 1976, AFTER WHICH HE WILL REPLACE AMBASSADOR BOMBASSEI AS ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC. BOMBASSEI WILL RETIRE.

2. FERRETTI DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD BECOME THE NEW MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR AND SAID THIS WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ANTICIPATED GOVERNMENT CRISIS THIS FALL. FERRETTI DOUBTED THAT PETRIGNANI, RUMOR'S CHEF DU CABINET, WOULD SUCCEED PLAJA EVEN IF RUMOR REMAINS AS FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE PETRIGNANI IS CONSIDERED TOO YOUNG FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NUMBER THREE POST. FERRETTI SUGGESTED THAT NATO'S DEPUTY SYG, PANSA, MIGHT BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POLITICAL DIRECTOR SLOT. GARDINI, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS ONE OF PLAJA'S DEPUTIES, MIGHT ALSO GET NOD.
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3. FERRETTI HAS BEEN EXTENDED AT BRUSSELS FOR FURTHER TWO MONTHS AND SAYS HE MAY REPLACE ATTOLICO AS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S MIDDLE EAST SECTION CHIEF. ATTOLICO IS PRESENTLY SLATED TO GO TO LONDON AS DCM.

4. CONCERNING CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE "PETRIGNANI GROUP" OF
EUROPEAN SALT EXPERTS, FERRETTI DID NOT KNOW WHO WOULD
REPLACE DA RIN AFTER DA RIN TAKES UP HIS NEW POST AS ITALIAN
AMBASSADOR TO MALTA. FERRETTI SAID DA RIN AND NITTI WOULD ATTEND
THE SEPTEMBER 12 NATO SALT CONSULTATIONS.BRUCE

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